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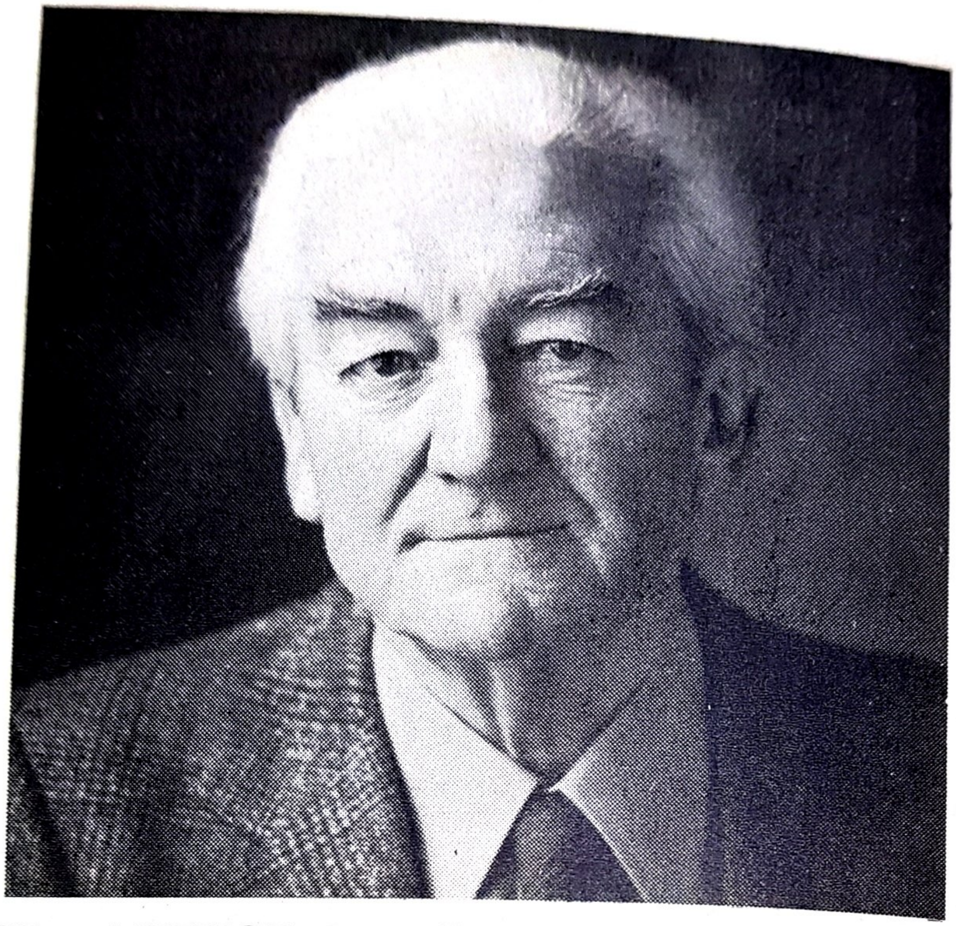
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Appendix A: The readers should note that the following was prepared on February 1st, 1974.

WHITHER AUSTRALIA?

Now that the Australian Labour Party is split into pro-Israel versus ''even-handed'' groups, and is unanimous in its supercilious rude and ill-informed lectures to other nations on their foreign policies, it might be proper for we Australians to study the world situation.

If we are to do this we should adopt Patrick White's advice and stop trying to become the world's ''greatest blower of our own trumpet''. We should also cease to let ''nationalism'' cloud our vision. This ''Nationalism'' has all the vainglory of breast-beating baboons and precludes any real understanding of what is going on in the world, or, worse still, what is in Australia's interests.

Many who understand strategy have over the last 25 years stated that the Middle East will always be the world's danger spot and Australia's foreign policy and Defence planning should be planned with this fact in mind.

They also agreed that an Australia-America alliance (ANZUS) was not in the best interests of Australia if ties with Britain, the Commonwealth and parts of Western Europe were weakened.

The writer also stated a decade ago that if Britain entered the Common Market under the present Treaty of Rome it would eventually lead to blood-shed in England, and even now there is talk of an army take-over in Britain. The present crisis in Britain is due more to membership in the E.E.C. than any other factor.

As all these things were easily predictable so is the future. All nations have a very limited number of courses that they can adopt as national policy and in looking ahead from the present crisis one must make three assumptions:

(a) The Arabs know that their oil embargoes are of short-term as the world will eventually take the oil or devise other means of energy.

(b) It has been known for some time that Russia is the brain behind this oil diplomacy. She will, of course, continue this line of action as long as it suits her interests.

(c) The Europeans now find themselves without oil and other raw materials. They MUST, if they are to survive, see that it

does not happen again. If Europe falls in this she will not survive.

No matter what views may be held to the contrary the Israeli State in the Middle East is not so much a danger to the Arabs as it is to the Europeans. In fact, a little clear thought on the subject will show that the Israeli state and European survival are just not compatible. In this regard the following factors apply:—

RELIGION:

The continuity of action of the Vatican and Jews has over centuries usually been diametrically opposed. This has also been so with most European countries. In fact, Europe has generally been anti-Jew (not anti-Semetic) and the Jew anti-Christian. The Vatican ecumenical movement is to the East (''Orthodox'') and NOT to the West (''Protestant''). This gives them contact with the East when necessary.

GEOGRAPHY:

The Jews are a dominant force in the area which at the moment is both the strategic navel and the oil heartland of the world. the Arabs with some justification (historical and materialistic) will seek their destruction and all other nations will fish in these troubled waters. While this goes on Europe will be denied energy and other raw resources. EUROPE CANNOT SUBMIT TO THIS AND SURVIVE.

FINANCE:

European finance or currencies will be affected to a greater degree than other nations and their ability to handle inflation will be relatively less.

RACE:

Hard times and conflict always bring out the dominant characteristics of race. Europe's pragmatic approach and organising abilities will begin to show. They will never shrink from the use of force if the opportunity offers.

LEADERS:

As discipline will be preached in Europe (to survive the oil crises, terrorism, etc) we can expect to see a strengthening of military authority in Europe (Greece, Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, East Germany, are examples.)

ALLIANCES:

The basis for a strong alliance in Europe is laid. It only needs the

pinch of pain and fear to cement it.

Therefore, Europe will now tend towards a number of States based on either the Greek, Yugoslav or East German pattern. In any case they will be States stretching from Spain, right through to the Middle East, and all will be effectively under military control. THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL BY MILITARY MEANS WOULD THEN BE INEVITABLE. No other course appears to give Europe any chance of survival.

No doubt this form of military government will be planned or even tried in Britain, but this will break on the rock of Constitutional Monarchy and public opinion.

Of course, it can be said that Russia and America have satellite intelligence which does not allow any open movement of aggression to take place without their prior knowledge, and therefore the foregoing could not possibly happen. Allied with the fact that both Japan and China would also be interested makes this a plausible argument.

However, Russia requires an Israeli State in the Middle East so that she can fish in the troubled Arab waters, and indeed control the action and diplomacy of the Arabs. This is one way of controlling the oil supply and the Suez Canal and therefore the free movement of her Navy from Black Sea to Mediterranean, through the Suez Canal, Indian and Pacific Oceans, to then connect with her Far Eat fleet. It is not hard to understand that China, Japan and America deplore and fear this eventuality.

Also Russia requires a weak Europe on her Western flank so as to give her greater flexibility in dealing with China and America.

America may or may not believe that she can do a deal with Russia (co-existence), but Russian Statesmen make it obvious that Russia has no such intentions. RUSSIAN DOGMA, DIPLOMACY, WEAPONRY AND MILITARY ORGANISATION SHOW HER AIM TO BE THE DESTRUCTION OF U.S.A. (CAPITALISM) AND CONTROL OF A COMMUNIST WORLD. She will not deviate from this by entering into a nuclear conflict that does not guarantee the destruction of the U.S.A. first and foremost, and this is not possible without at least another 5 — 10 years of effort on the part of Russia. Europe is of course aware of this time factor.

China on the other hand requires a strong and powerful Europe to help her contain Russia, and is doing everything in her power to bring this about. She is even telling America what strong action she should take with her (U.S.) Naval forces. Also China greatly

fears Russian control of the Middle East, the Mediterranean, India and the Indian and Pacific Oceans. This control would spell the doom of China.

The U.S.A. appears at the moment to be quite perplexed. She does not know whether to build Europe into a dominant independent power to counter-balance Russia or to try and to a deal and divide the world up between Russia and herself, or strengthen China to overcome the possibility of an aggressive threat from Russia. Infact, where Russia and Chinaare concerned America does not know which one to go to bed with or whether to stay out of both beds. In this dilemma another fact of extreme importance is that a section of the U.S. press and those behind it are determined, by attacking the Presidency, to weaken U.S. prestige and power.

Added to this is the American problem of keeping Japan out of the Russian and/or Chinese spheres. Japan on the other hand has the problem of keeping Russia, China and America collectively or separately off her back and yet at the same time be able to obtain the raw resources necessary for her well-being. An almost impossible task.

It is quite probable (and it has been voiced by American Statesmen) that to keep Japan out of the Chinese or Russian influence she should be given unrestricted access to Australian raw resources. China could support this move so a to divide Russia and Japan or alternatively could give access to raw materials in China itself. However, Japan, the U.S. and China all need Middle East oil, (Short-term) and nothing done to help Japan will be of any use if she is without oil.

It is therefore reasonable to suggest that even if Russia at the moment, and to a much lesser extent, America, requires an Israeli State to exist it is also reasonable to suggest that China and Japan would not worry in the least about Israel's destruction, and fact might even help overtly or covertly to bring it about. The influence of these two nations and Europe on America could bring the situation where ironically Russia might end up as the only champion of Israel. However, this would not deter the Europeans from attacking if China and Japan were in favour and America was reasonably neutral. Indeed it could be possible that Europe could do a deal with Russia (remember, Russia must not risk conflict until she can destroy the U.S.) whereby (after the destruction of Israel) an international group controlled the Middle East, and the Suez was again a free and international seaway. The BIG question here is would a world-wide increase in Russian influence suit Europe. She might like it as a balance to China, Japanand America intheir individual or collective power games.

EUROPE WILL ALSO NOTICE THAT THE ARABS AND BLACK AFRICA HAVE FOR ONCE MADE COMMON CAUSE AND THEREFORE THE U.N. IS UNLIKELY TO ACT TO SUPPORT ISRAEL. THIS BODES ILL FOR ISRAEL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THEREFORE AUSTRALIA.

The writer dismisses the ostrich or simple view that Russia and the U.S.A. will get together and impose their collective will on the world because:

(a) Although the International Monetary Fund and multinational corporations may possibly organise a world financial dictatorship a political dictatorship is impossible to achieve.

(b) It is almost an immutable law that he who makes a tight agreement with a Communist becomes his next meal. The U.S. could not make such an agreement without giving too much away.

(c) Russia wants warm water ports and Middle East control, or at least a foot in the door, and also unrestricted access to the world's oceans.

(d) It is necessary to get (c) above to be in a position to destroy the U.S.A.

(e) (c) could be obtained by deserting the Arabs and allowing Europe to impose its will on Israel (remember, Israel can be destroyed — the Arab nations cannot although they can be ''influenced''). Also, the U.S. public opinion would not support a lone attack on a determined Europe that was supported by Russia and/or China.

(f) Why then, if the above is true, should Russia seek help from the U.S.? Russia, in the face of overwhelming force (nuclear), gained fantastic concessions at Yalta. She can gain others with little risk and without U.S. help.

(g) the U.S.A.'s dominant position in the world began its decline at Yalta, was hastened by its successful attempt to break its only reliable ally (the British Commonwealth) and was made certain by its actions in the Suez crisis.

Everything points to Israel's destruction, but this act of war and the eventual destruction of the U.S.A. could be stopped by a tight defensive and financial block between Britain and selected European countries, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. This block would in all probability be joined by the U.S.

and possibly India and Japan. Without such a block the future looks grim indeed.

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The Defence of Australia means the defence of Australia's vital interests, and by definition this means the maintenance of the Crown, Parliament and Common Law from which we derive our freedoms, along with the wealth and wellbeing built up in this country, all of which has been derived from the Christian faith and will collapse without it. (Christianity has sustained Western man, and Western man, in a very human way, has sustained Christianity. See Foreign Affairs, Vol. 1 and Vol. 11)

Defence also includes maintenance of sovereignty over all parts of Australia and the loss of none of it. The above (our vital interests) is the background against which we study strategic matters and defence proper. The subject itself consists of the 'macro' (the world situation), and the 'micro' (the situation as it affects Australia). However, before dealing with either the macro or micro we must clarify our thinking by the use of principles and a knowledge of the factors that apply in all cases.

PRINCIPLES

A strategist investigating any situation finds that two principles apply: Instability and Continuity.

INSTABILITY: When we look at this world we realise the whole of life is unstable. Things grow, things decay. Nations grow, expand and prosper or decay; families grow, expand and prosper or decay. Instability, or growth and decay, is an immutable law in this world. In fact the Scientists, the mathematicians and the engineers would call it 'entropy'. Everything tends towards disorder unless there is intelligence and will behind it and therefore instability is a great principle which must be accepted. For instance, things are so unstable that if Australia's influence in trade, religion and finance (called 'ideology') does not grow outside

our boundaries, then the instability that exists in human affairs will produce the growth of an ideology up to our boundaries which will overflow into our country. Nothing remains in equilibrium.

All attempts to subvert our political system, i.e., attacks on the Crown, Parliament and Common Law, are part of this instability and will and intelligence must be applied to counter them. so also must the attempts to produce moral degeneracy in our community be opposed. However, these matters have been dealth with in vol. 1 and Vol. 11, and no further reference is necessary here.

CONTINUITY of Intentional Action through history — families have it, churches have it. Families that have ruled England have had a continuity of intentional action through history for hundreds of years. So has the Church, so have nations. Find the continuity of intentional action and you will be able to foretell what the future action of a group, person, family or nation will be under any given set of circumstances.

One continuity of action is illustrated by China. When it has come together under a great dominant leader or group of leaders, it has exploded as though by centrifugal force to become a weak and relatively unimportant nation under regional warlords. When under the leadership of tight authoritarian control it moves out of its boundaries in aggressive moves. This suggests that if the dominant central control of the Chinese people continues they will be externally aggressive until the break-up.

A strategist must watch the pursuit of power and influence (the continuity of intentional action) by organizations, religions, business, nations, families, etc., in this unstable world.

FACTORS

The factors which must be borne in mind are six in all:

RELIGION
GEOGRAPHY
FINANCE
RACE
LEADERS
ALLIANCES

GEOGRAPHY: Here we are not talking about principles, we are talking about factors and geography is to some extent the only permanent factor. Australia is so many miles distant from South America and so many miles distance from Africa. and there she will remain. Also, there is string of islands between Australia and the S.E. Asian countries, and this string of islands controls the channels or seaways from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. In an unstable world the control of these seaways and channels will be subject to challenge in the future as in the past.

Furthermore, geography shows us where the raw resources of the world are located, that is the **strategic heartlands,** and clearly these heartlands will also be the source of future conflict.

The heartlands of the Ukraine and Siberia are to a great degree responsible for the rise of Russia as an industrial giant and therefore a super power, and the same applies where the U.S.A. is concerned. All the raw resources needed by the U.S.A. are within her own borders or within easy reach in Canada — Canada and the U.S.A. being one vast heartland.

The oil heartland in the Middle East tends to make this strategic navel of the world an area of great

instability, and it is questionable if the Jews were wise in migrating there.

The heartlands of Africa and South America are as yet unexploited but these countries will be subjected to tremendous strains as their raw resources are competed for by the weak and the strong alike.

China has raw resources within her borders but she would be immensely more powerful militarily and industrially if she could in some way annex Siberia.

Australia, our main interest, is a heartland rich in mineral resurces and food roduction. Unless we plan our defences properly this puts us in extreme danger.

It is important to note that Great Britain and Western Europe along with Japan have no heartland within their respective borders. This is a dangerous and frustrating position for intelligent and inventive people.

RELIGION is the motivation of continuity. There is no growth, health or will in a community without faith or belief in something, i.e., religion. The great sneerers at religion, such as the Marxists have there own dogma and their own religion, which is more fixed and more dogmatic than most other religions. Relgiion is still a prime motivating force within humanity and will remain so in one form or another. As a man believes so will he act. A nation's religion and belief will help give it continuity of intentional action through history and must in all cases be studied if one is to assess its future actions.

RACE is the dominant factor. It is fashionable to deny this simple truth but no real strategist would do so. Race will be the thing that decides ultimately, even beyond religious belief, what people do and what they will not do. Study racial behaviour throughout

history and there is no room for doubt as to its potency. For instance when the Christian religion began in Palestine it spread independently to Egypt, Greece, Rome, Britain and to Europe. It then became centralized under Rome. This was viewed as the new Jerusalem. People began to look for the millennium when the religious earthquake struck and the Eatern Orthodox split from the European. In other words, the Slav split from the European; a racial split. All sorts of religious reasons are given for this event but basically it wa race.

The Reformation as Churchmen now admit was merely the Northern racial group in Europe splitting from the Southern racial group. Dean Inge called it a Nordic revolt.

Doubts about the potency of race are soon dispelled when one looks around the world. Can the Jew live with the Arab? Can the Greek live with the Turk? Can the black man live with the white?

Can the Indians live together? No, they have a caste system which is racial (not religious) from the Nordic Brahmins down to the untouchables or the aboriginals. Can the Malays live with the Chinese? No. Are we doing any better in our own country? No. Can the dominant European Roman Catholic in South America live with the mixture of the Aboriginee and Negro? No, he can't, and he does not know what to do about it. The French and Anglo-Saxon in Canada have so far failed to find an answer to the race problem.

Moreover, in the 12th century the Mongols erupted out of Asia and Mongolized Russia and the Russian cannot now get along with the European. A strange consequence is the only really great block of Marxist countries existing — the Mongol racial block stretching from Eastern Asia to Easter Europe.

Consider now the U.S.A. and its great experiment in

which the universal "brown" man was to be produced. The races have not mixed to the extent expected. You find the German groups, the Greek groups, the Italian groups, the Anglo-Saxons still occupying the high places, and now on to this stage has stepped the black man with his group. Has the U.S. produced the integrated racial population, the beautiful glorious brown man? No, of course they haven't, because race is dominant. People will not change their racial mental processes, nor will they forget their race. It is a factor which must ever be borne in mind.

FINANCE: The main covert drive in this world today is to produce the impossible — political dictatorship of the world. Race and religion will, as the verdict of history shows, make this a vain hope. One group alone makes a world dictatorship impossible, i.e., the British and European, a most martial and gifted people who will never suffer a dictatorship for any length of time. Although they have no heartland they sit on the circle of the earth and control, at the moment, great portions of the world's raw resources.

However, the overt drive towards financial dictatorship could be more successful for regardless of race, money speaks all languages. Hence finance is a vital factor. In these days financial intelligence is more important than military intelligence. Only now for example is it becoming common knowledge that * Wall Street (U.S.) financiers financed the Russian Revolution. The economic health of a nation (its very existence) depends on its ability to weather financial storms.

LEADERSHIP: Nations grow great it is thought because they are a great people. It may be true and they may grow great because they are a great people, but they only grow great when they have a great leader. France, who was snubbed, ignored and treated with

contempt all over the world, grew to world stature under de Gaulle. Like or dislike him, agree or disagree with him, he was a great man and a great leader, and therefore France became of great significance in the world. The same happened in Russia with Lenin, and in china with Mao. It is not a matter of agreeing with them. They may have been butchers and dreadful men, but they were leaders to be feared. A strategist makes a close study of all leaders.

ALLIANCES: As we shall see when we discuss the ANZUS Treaty alliances can assume great importance in the strategic context.

THE MACRO

Having dealt with the principles and factors let us assess the world situation as it is today. Firstly we need to know the major thrust for power by the powerful, i.e., the Continuity of Action from which they will not deviate no matter how flexible their thinking.

The factors of Geograph (heartlands, etc.), Race, Religion, Finance, Leadership and Alliances have produced two super powers which are vast military and industrial complexes. They are so powerful as to make the rest of the world hold its breath and if anything could be worse there is talk of detente between them. No credence should be given to this because in each case the factors are so different (religion, race, finance, geography, leaders and alliances) as to make a workable arrangement impossible. In any case the whole thrust of Russian (Marxist) effort is to destroy by violence the Christian and/or capitalist world and this is quite openly stated. Whereas the U.S. had the power for many years after World War II to destroy Russia but did not ever appear to contemplate such action.

In this struggle for dominance a strange and significant matter to ponder is that the U.S. and other Western nations continue to feed Russia. In fact, no Marxist or Socialist State has ever succeeded in feeding itself and this gives the U.S. great power if only she will use food as a weapon. However, the U.S. does not appear to have the will for such a tactic and it is therefore certain that the open confrontation between these two powers will continue and Marxists supported by Russia or China will continue to take over nations by force. All the present Marxist States have been established and are maintained by naked force.

This all suggests that Russia will make the first strike but for many reasons she is unlikely to do this at the present time.

She certainly has the missile capability to hit the U.S. with a strike that would kill or destroy much more than 50% of the people and industries, but this would do Russia no good because the automatic strike reflex from the U.S., including missiles from submarines around the world, would destroy Russia. Russia is aware that she must be able to deal with U.S. submarines before she can risk an all-out attack on America. That's the military situation at the moment and means that Russia must make great and continuous efforts to get into position to destroy the U.S.A. and dominate the world.

Russia has always had a continuity of intentional action. She has looked upon herself as Holy Russia from Czarist times to the present and this self-righteous missionary zeal exists in Marxist Russia. However, while the U.S. exists Russia is aware that to attack and conquer Europe or China is beyond her capacity and in fact her problem has been to keep these people out of Russia. She is therefore content to make sure her Eastern and Western flanks are secure.

So that means that with China on one flank, and Europe (NATO) ON THE OTHER FLANK, AND ICE TO THE North, there is only one way that Russia can go, the way she's always wanted to go. She needs the warm-water ports and control of the oil heartland in the Middle East if she is going to dominate the world. If she is able by a two-pronged movement south to Africa and then East along the the Northern coast of Africa and West to the Indian Ocean, she can threaten China and India from the Indian Ocean. If she can dominate the seaways through the islands to the North of Australia she can enter the Pacific. If she then has the nerve she can start dealing with American submarines. She would as can be seen have control of what is called, at the moment, the vital oil of the world, and could be in a position to deliver the death-blow to the U.S. But first it would mean dealing with the American Navy, otherwise she would face unacceptable destruction herself.

Russia is at the moment making such a thrust (a relatively weak naval move) and it has alarmed the world, including China. She cannot as yet move her Armies because of NATO and Israel. Clearly she cannot just walk over the Middle East countries into Africa, the main obstacle being Israel with her great influence.

However Russia, until she is capable of dealing with the U.S. Navy, will have no great reason for shifting land forces into the Middle East, but others might. The Europeans will be in a dangerous situation where energy is concerned while the Arab can manipulate oil prices. It would be foolish to think that they have not realized that they could 'influence' the Arabs if there were no Israel.

To solve the problem they must deal with either the Jews or the Arabs. It might be good to ponder the fact that the Arabs cannot be destroyed, but little Israel can,

and this fact is a great temptation to people other than the Arabs. (See Appendix A: "Whither Australia?" and note date.)

So Russia cannot risk deploying her land forces in the Middle East, but she is certainly moving her Naval forces through it to all the coeans of the world. It's the old, old, continuity of intentional action, South to the warm-water ports, control of North Africa, therefore the Mediterranean, therefore the Western coast of Africa, therefore the Atlantic. Also move into the Red Sea, therefore control of the Indian Ocean, through the sea-lanes to the North of Australia and therefore eventual control of the Pacific Ocean. It will need a very large Navy to do it, and Russia is building just such a Navy. It is not for fun. Something like the above must be in the minds of the Russian planners.

To counteract the Russian plan America and others have devised certain strategies on a world-wide scale. One is that Great Britain must enter the Common Market and so have on United Europe on the flank of Russia. This is to become a massive trading centre and a vast industrial military complex of some of the finest martial people on earth. By this means it is hoped that the Russians will be kept in order. (Factors such as Religion, Race and Finance will cause the eventual collapse of the E.E.C., but it could be a temporary expedient.

The E.E.C. is of immense importance to Australia. Two U.S. Secretaries of State have said, "When Britain enters the Common Market (E.E.C.) Australia and New Zealand will join a Common Market with Japan and the U.S." A Common Market means the free movement of goods, people and finance and would therefore mean a complete loss of sovereignty for Australia.

Now why would America say this when we have treaties with America which we hope will ensure our protection? America would do this because Japan has been asked (she is a great industrial country and a great people) to help Russia develop Siberia on a partnership basis. If Japan joins Russia this would be the Superpower of the earth and Japan's national sovereignty and welfare would, if she can put up with Russia, be much more secure than in the present alliance with America.

Japan has another alternative which is to do a deal with China and use Chinese oil and raw resources and therefore create another great superpower. Both courses alarm the U.S.A., and she just cannot allow Japan to become attached to China or to Russia, taking with her great skills and tremendous aggressiveness.

This is a major reason for the U.S. moves towards China and it is the reason why the U.S. now does not know whether to go to bed with Russia against China or with China against Russia — or stay out of both beds. It is a situation that is fraught with great danger for the U.S. and Australia, no matter which decision the U.S. makes.

Add to all this a small group of people in Souther Africa who could live in peace, except for the fact that black Africa has become so vital as a heartland with its resources and its strategic location. Already the racial cry has been raised, "The white must go. There must be black rule in Southern Africa". It is of course falacious to argue that black rule in Southern Africa will improve the strategic situation for the West. However, the view is held and Southern Africa will play an increasingly important part in the great conflict.

THE MICRO

Australia is situated in a world where all of these things are happening, and it does not appear that we are ging to have an easy ride in the future due mainly to our past political and strategic thinking which has made the U.S. our one particular ally. This being so the question to be asked is, how important are we to the U.S. in the above context. Could we be a strong military ally? No, we are not strong enough. If strategic position and raw resources are required of us as an ally then we are a wealthy heartland and strategically placed, but as we lack strenght this merely makes us a pawn.

There are those who say, "Yes, but if we are honourable and good and stick to the U.S., then when trouble comes the U.S. surely will support us". Of course, the United States will, if it is in her interests to do so. For instance, why do you think the United States has said, "There will be a Common Market between the United States, Japan, Australia and New Zealand"? Because that is one way of keeping Japan out of China and out of an arrangement with Russia in Siberia; and it is **vital** for Americal to keep Japan away from those two Marxist giants.

This is also vital for Australia, but it is typical of these problems that they are never easy or clear-cut. You can never say, "Oh well, we won't join a Common Market with Japan no matter what the U.S. says. Let Japan join Russia or China." That would be cutting off our nose to spite our face. But in any case such talk achieves nothing in strategic matters. It will be the interests of the great powers that matter. There is not any doubt that in the crunch; to keep Japan out of the siberian development, or out of China's hands; America would say to Japan, "You get your raw resources and all you need from Australia". And if we objected the americans would think us quite

unreasonable and racist to boot.

If we put ourselves in the U.S.'s place what would we do? We would not doubt act in the same way. However, that is not our only problem for we find our political people saying, ''We should have China, Japan and Australia in a combination to face the Russian threat in the Indian Ocean''. Hardly a good combination! And not likely to be a very permanent arrangement according to the factors of strategy or the principles! In fact, it couldn't be a permanent arrangement, and so smallare we in that arrangement that we could only be the losers.

All this appears to make the situation look grim. However, there is only one way in which people survive in this world, whether as an individual, a family, or a nation, and that is with willpower and intelligence. If you have the nerve, the faith, the belief in yourself, in God, and you have the will and the intelligence, then you can survive. And that means reassessing the Defence of Australia from what we know is the real situation. We cannot reason as some people do. ''Well, our great ally is the U.S.A. and if anything occurred in this area all that is necessary is that we be able to fit in with their armed forces''. The career military man heartily agrees with this because it means that small, highly expensive permanent Forces capable of fitting into the Armed Forces of the great ally become politically acceptable. The logistics and the supply will all be done by the great ally and there can be many high-ranking officers in the small permanent Australian Forces.

However a small force (one skeletal division) is not any use whatever to a great ally or to Australia. The U.S. looked upon Australian Forces in Vietnam as merely showing the flag and certainly such forces could make no pretence at defending Australia; that is except

as it is guaranteed by the U.S. support if we are attacked. And that is not guaranteed if the U.S.'s vital and national interests are at stake.

In fact, the only Treaty, the Anzus Treaty, presupposes certain things for Australia. ONE IS THAT WE MUST GIVE. We get a lot out of it; for example, the deterrent effect on any nation wishing to attack us but unsure of whether the U.S. will join in. We get industrial and intelligence information but that has its drawbacks because it can be cut off at any time.

However the Treaty has some bad things when it comes to giving. We **have** to accept American films (propaganda), political criticism (e.g., republicanism) and pressure from multinational organisations and we cannot do much about it. We can be forced to change our immigration policy and supply uranium as requested, no matter what we think in either case. There are many things which we have to give, and we have to give them now (when no danger exists) because of the pressure from our great ally. We give in the hope that when the danger comes the support from the major ally will be forthcoming although this is not at all certain. In fact, when you study the strategic situation it seems that American support will not be forthcoming. They will have other interests at stake and people other than us are much more important to them — such as the Japanese or even the black Africans.

It has nothing to do with loyalty or any moral point of view. It is just a matter of sheer self-interest where the U.S. is concerned. You could not possibly say that black Africa in the way it runs its affairs, has any right whatever to make the slightest moral cirticism of Southern white Africa, yet in the crunch it is obvious that black Africa will be the more important to the U.S. How can we cope with this so that we bring to the notice fo the

U.S. and other people that we will not accept this position? There is fairly simple answer to the problem. When we rely on a big ally all we need do is structure our forces to help them as we did in Vietnam. This means that the great ally supplies all the logistic suport and therefore our forces could not fight without the great ally. A terrifying thought when considering the defense of Australia.

In the past we have looked upon Australia as our base and such places as Vietnam our Forward Defence. To encourage the regional presence of our great ally we have contributed our small token force fighting far away from Australia. In future this form of "Forward Defence" will be denied us because it seems certain that our great ally will not commit land forces in such a manner again. Certainly not in our area anyway. This leaves us only one area for Forward Defence, the unpopulated oceans surrounding us combined with the air space above. We must begin to realize that we are an island nation.

This means a re-structuring of our forces. Firstly for Forward Defence in the oceans we must have a Navy, but not the normal type which is aircraft carriers, cruisers and destroyers, etc. — they will be necessary to some degree — but the best form of defence now for Australia is the quiet submarine. At present we have a mere four of the best quiet British-built submarines which are very hard to detect. The submarines, and indeed the Navy, must have a nuclear potential and the latest missiles. These with an improved Air Force would be our "Forward Defence" guaranteed to make any enemy pause and consider the price he must pay to reach Australia, particularly if the Air Force is properly equipped for the job and has nuclear potential, if not nuclear weapons. This would demonstrate that we were determined to maintain the integrity of our own country and to face the expense of a Navy and Air

Force each have the necessary offensive and reconnaissance characteristics to do the job. This means the Army, which can do no more than send a few conscript troops to show the flag with a powerful ally, can no longer be allowed to commandeer more than 50% of the defence vote.

Our expensive little permanent Army would have to become a small training and research cadre for the population who are the only people who can defend Australia. The Army must revert to the citizen type Army which served us so well in the past and which has been so successfully and economically used or adapted by the United States, the Israelis and the Swiss since World War 2. There must be at least five divisions of C.M.F. in training, with officers for ten. Time being on our side it would be easy to expand this to 30 divisions when necessary. Full-time troops could be supplied when necessary by part of the C.M.F. and de-mobilising them as the crisis passed — just as they do in the United States today.

By this means in every populated part of our country there would be trained C.M.F. soldiers, under their own officers and commanders. This force in all populated areas in Australia could deal with infiltration and small raids and would stop the panic and worry normally caused by these forays far more effectively than a "small highly mobile regular army" which, even if split up into penny packets, could never cover a fraction of the populated territory. Any large invasion would take a long time to mount and warnings would be forthcoming, giving us time to mobilise.

Now let us look at the enemy's problem. He will realize that: —

(a) A combination of Air Force and navy designed to operate in our environment would probably

extract an unnacceptable price from him before he even reached our shores. This means if he is to risk it he must mount an immense amphibian force, and

(b) If he reaches Australia in any force he will be faced by something in the nature of 30 divisions of troops who have a well-earned reputation for soldiering. In fact, 30 divisions of Australians would mean that he would be faced by the whole population.

Of course, this C.M.F. Army would have to be equipped for mobility and fire-power and this includes tactical and long-range (inter-continental) nuclear weapons — the latter for a special reason as will be seen.

The criticism of such aplan will be that no matter how strong Australia becomes she cannot defend against acutal or threatened long-range nuclear attack. This is plausible and indeed another situation could arise in that if the U.S. wanted Japan to have Australian resources badly enough she might join forces with her in any threat or actual attack on us. Therefore we must do more than just re-structure our forces.

THE NEED FOR A MATCHING DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE.

This now leads us to the most important action Australia must take in developing our own security policy and great self-reliance. We must **mount** a diplomatic offensive with a clear and well-defined objective which should be to bring Great Britain, Canada, Southern Africa, Australia and New Zealand into **one trading and defensive** block.

Opponents of this will claim it is too late — Britain

is done, the U.S. would never allow it — all of which appears to be valid. However, the only matter of real importance to the U.S. attitude and this can be dealt with by proper diplomacy.

The U.S. is very lonely at the moment and all because of her past stupidity. As the British Historian, Taylor, has point out, the U.S., * thinking it could get along with Russia, set out after World Ward 2 to deliberately break up what they considered to be the British Empire. Roosevelt was the leader in this and therefore the U.S. influence began its decline at the Yalta agreement. From complete and supreme world power it has now reached a point where informed observers wonder if the U.S. can survive.

She is in this position because she tried to break the power of her only firends, the British race, around the world. Her position is such that clearly she must support the grouping together of the British Crown Commonwealth.

Where Britain is concerned it was claimed that she had to enter the E.E.C. to survive. This of course was untrue, but what is true now is that to survive she will have to leave it. This is being said more and more in Britain and Europe.

Therefore, at the very least a diplomatic offensive to produce a defensive and trading block between Britain,Australia, New Zealand, Souther Africa and Canada would not be opposed by the U.S. In fact, such countries as the U.S., Japan, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland would want to join or have close ties with it. A very senior R.A.F. Officer recently said this in a different way when he stated that Australia should be included in NATO. This, however, is not the ideal for Australia because the defensive arrangements without the trading and financial agreements would

severely limit the independence and flexibility of Australia and the other British countries.

All that is needed is a Secretariat for Defence (with power to react if any member were attacked) and a financial clearing house with appropriate trading agreements. In the knowledge that any one area in this world cannot be protected against a first strike by modern weapons it is clear that such a far-flung arrangement of States is immune to an attack. Modern missiles placed in such areas could reach and therefore destroy Europe and Asia. Combine this with Air Force and Naval power in all these areas and the arrangement takes on an appearance of invulnerability.

In conclusion let us again state Australia's diplomatic action and defence force structure:—

(a) A diplomatic offensive should be mount to form the British alliance to be armed with a family of nuclear missiles enabling world-wide targeting and maximum fire power for the defence forces.

(b) Armed forces to be: —

(i) Air Force capable of long-range (particularly maritime strike) weapons and all forms of reconnaissance and air to surface support.

(ii) A Navy capable (with the R.A.A.F) of extracting the greatest possible price from an attacker or invader. The main weapon to be quiet submarines with nuclear and of course conventional weapons.

(iii) A Citizen Army of five divisions with trained officers for ten and capable of being expanded to 30 divisions within the expected warning time. This force to concentrate on mobility and fire-power (incl. nuclear)

To the timid there is only one answer. If God be with you who can be against you!

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- Opposition to all policies of totalitarianism, irrespective of their label.

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